



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Municipal boundary agreements and the use of alternative dispute resolution in municipal boundary disputes					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes various changes to Chapter 66, Wis. Stats.—Municipal Law as recommended by the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Municipal Annexation. The purpose of the bill is to provide a means to reduce annexation disputes and encourage more boundary cooperation between towns and cities or villages.

Currently, the provisions of just one section of this chapter (s. 66.0301, Wis. Stats.) include school districts and public library systems in the definition of "municipality." The bill creates a new subparagraph in this section, but specifies that "municipality" means only city, village, or town for the purposes of the new subparagraph. Therefore, school districts and public library systems would not be impacted.

Current law specifies that any boundary maintained or any boundary change under a cooperative plan between two municipalities be compatible with characteristics of the surrounding community, taking into consideration boundaries of school districts along with several other factors. The bill repeals this approval criterion as unnecessary in light of the bill's general requirement that a cooperative plan be consistent with each municipality's comprehensive plan. Therefore, school district boundaries would continue to be a consideration in municipal boundary agreements under the provisions of the bill as under current law.

This bill has no fiscal effect on the Department of Public Instruction, school districts or public library systems.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications